Production of maraging steel by Pakistan

871. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item which appeared in Hindustan Times dated the 7th February, 1989 to the effect that Pak can make maraging steel; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reports about Pakistan's ability to indigenously process and produce maraging steel which has uses in the manufcture of a nuclear explosive device are a matter of concern to Government in the context of Pakistan's weapons oriented nuclear programme.

Financial Irregularities by the Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jorhat

872. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a host of financial irregularities by the Principal of Kendriya Vidayalaya, Jorhat have been unearthed by a Special Audit Team of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of action taken contemplated against the culprit;

(d) whether some Members of Parliament have also written for action against the said Principal; and

(e) if so, whether any action has also been taken against him on the basis of the report of two Kendriya Vidyalaya Officers who had investigated into various administrative malpractices by the Principal; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) On receipt of complaints alleging financial irregularities being committed by that Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jorhat a special audit of the account of the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jorhat was conducted by the Kendriya Vidyalya Sangathan. The Special Audit Report has revealed financial irregularities and non-observance of purchase procedure. The audit report has been forwarded to the Principal with instructions to forward his comments/reply through the Assistant Commissioner, Silchar region under whose region the Vidyalaya falls. On receipt of the comments from the Principal and the Assistant Commissioner, further action will be taken.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In regard to the earlier complaints which were investigated by the Kendriya Vidalaya Sangathan, Non-recordable warning was issued to the Principal.

राजस्थान में महिलाओं के उत्थान की योजना

873. **श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान में महिलाओं के उत्थान के लिए तैयार की गई योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और